

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/700,970 [[____]], entitled "Embolic Compositions" [Attorney Docket No. 01194-463001], and filed on the same day as this application, hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

The shape memory material can be used to form embolic particles other than those described above. For example, the shape memory material can also be used to form embolic particles that are not substantially elongated. The shape memory material can be used to form generally spherical (e.g., completely spherical or egg-shaped) embolic particles (e.g., particles 56 and 58 shown in Figs. 14 and 15A-15F, described below). For delivery, the generally spherical particles can be compacted to a generally oblate shape. Subsequently, the particles can be exposed to a stimulus that enlarges the particles, e.g., to the egg-shaped or spherical particles. Suitable dimensions for spherical embolic particles range from about 1,500 microns to about 2,000 [[____]] microns in diameter, and are described in U.S.S.N. 09/519,263, filed March 6, 2000, now abandoned, hereby incorporated by reference.